

FEDERAL ELECTION  
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## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
 ) MUR 7251  
 Barry Loudermilk; Desiree Jean )  
 Loudermilk; Loudermilk for Congress )  
 and Charles Nida in his official capacity )  
 as treasurer; Loudermilk for State )  
 Senate; Earl Leroy "Buddy" Carter; )  
 Buddy Carter for Congress and Paul )  
 Kilgore in his official capacity as )  
 treasurer; Lindsey Allen Tippins; )  
 Tippins for State Senate; Shultz for )  
 Georgia; Leonard Edwin Setzler; )  
 Citizens to Elect Ed Setzler; Ralph )  
 Hudgens; Friends of Ralph Hudgens )

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura E. Sinram, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on April 10, 2018, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 4-0, subject to the Notice of Errata Memorandum to the Commission dated February 14, 2018, to:


1. Find no reason to believe that Barry Loudermilk, Loudermilk for State Senate, and Loudermilk for Congress and Charles Nida in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122, 11 C.F.R. § 110.4(b) or 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d) by engaging in a reciprocal contribution scheme.
2. Find no reason to believe that Barry Loudermilk and Loudermilk for State Senate violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1) by making payments to Desiree Jean Loudermilk.
3. Dismiss the allegation that Barry Loudermilk and Loudermilk for State Senate violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 300.62 by spending impermissible funds in connection with a federal or non-federal election.

4. Find no reason to believe that Desiree Jean Loudermilk, Earl Leroy "Buddy" Carter, Buddy Carter for Congress and Paul Kilgore in his official capacity as treasurer, Lindsey Allen Tippins, Tippins for State Senate, Shultz for Georgia, Leonard Edwin Setzler, Citizens to Elect Ed Setzler, Ralph Hudgens, and Friends of Ralph Hudgens violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122.
5. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated February 2, 2018 as last circulated by Vice Chair Weintraub's Office on April 9, 2018 at 6:58 p.m.
6. Approve the appropriate letters.
7. Close the file.

Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

4/13/18  
Date

  
Laura E. Sinram  
Deputy Secretary of the Commission

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